

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 31**  
**INCIDENT NO. 2001- 005**  
**DATE: August 24, 2001    TIME: 12:00 p.m.**

**TO:** Governor John Hoeven  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flooding and Severe Summer Storms.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: A Flash Situation Report for Grand Forks County from the Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) indicated a storm in the Gilby area on August 8 resulted in 50,000 acres of crop loss spread among 25 farms. Damage to farm dwellings, service buildings, farm machinery, and equipment also occurred.

During the evening of August 14, the city of Grand Forks experienced strong winds, heavy rain, and golf ball size hail. A power outage lasting one hour occurred in the downtown area. Minor street flooding was reported.

In Pembina County on August 14, high winds ranging from 33 miles per hour (mph) to 75 mph caused tree damage and debris problems in the cities of Pembina, Crystal, and Drayton. A tree fell on a home in Crystal; three power lines were downed in Drayton.

On Monday, August 20, the Pipestem Dam release was reduced to 75 cubic feet per second (cfs) from 300 cfs on August 6. During the same 15 day period, the Jamestown Dam release was reduced to 275 cfs from 400 cfs. These newly adjusted flow rates are maintaining target elevation levels for each dam.

Devils Lake at Creel Bay measured 1,447.77 feet the morning of August 24, while Stump Lake measured 1,412.18 feet.

4. RESOURCES:  
LOCAL: No change from the previous reports.  
STATE: No change from the previous reports.  
FEDERAL: No change from the previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from the previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Based on a request from Governor Hoeven, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has extended the current disaster (FEMA-1376-DR-ND) due to storms that battered portions of North Dakota in early August. The incident period for the declared disaster is now March 1, 2001, through and including August 9, 2001.

On Monday, August 27, an applicant briefing concerning debris removal will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Grand Forks City Hall for local governments impacted by the August 8-9 windstorms.

Two hundred fifty Requests for Public Assistance applications have been approved for FEMA-DR-1376-ND.

Through August 23, State Public Assistance has distributed a total of \$3,900,000 among 69 applicants in the 36 designated counties and two reservations. It is estimated that total recovery costs for this event could reach \$25,000,000.

Regarding the two tribal governments involved in this year's disaster, a breakdown to date of Public Assistance funding during FEMA-DR-1376-ND reveals the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa has received \$31,298 for debris removal, \$158,945 for road repair, and \$96,442 for public housing totaling \$286,685. Thus far, Spirit Lake Nation has received \$5,386 for debris removal, \$51,954 for road repair, and \$112,989 for public housing totaling \$170,329.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No additional requests have been received.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from the previous reports.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state and local emergency operations plans have been implemented.

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